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# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

## SELECTMEN,

AND

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

## TOWN OF FRANKLIN,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH, 1860.

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## R E P O R T.

The Selectmen make the following report, March 5, 1860.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows:

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| Cash in the hands of the Treasurer, March 1, 1859, | \$366 86  |
| Outstanding taxes for 1856,.....                   | 85 09     |
| "        "    1857,.....                           | 17 68     |
| "        "    1858,.....                           | 389 53    |
| State, county, town and school tax,.....           | 4789 28   |
| Non-resident tax,.....                             | 202 82    |
| George L. Peabody, for horse and interest,.....    | 30 60     |
| Cash for steers,.....                              | 58 00     |
| Cash for oxen,.....                                | 86 00     |
| Literary Fund,.....                                | 122 08    |
| Railroad dividend,.....                            | 551 33    |
| County of Merrimack, for paupers,.....             | 267 85    |
| Jos. L. Thompson, for wood,.....                   | 2 00      |
| Moses S. Morse, for lambs,.....                    | 19 00     |
| Stephen Gerrish, for Sarah Hancock,.....           | 17 25     |
| M. M. Burbank, for sales of liquor,.....           | 27 25     |
| Horace P. Eaton, for note,.....                    | 400 00    |
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|  | \$7482 62 |

### *Outstanding Claims.*

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Paid Hazen H. Call, school-house tax, No. 5,.... | \$11 00 |
| Hanson Hancock, for breaking road, 1859,...      | 4 50    |
| S. G. Hoyt, for farm,.....                       | 1 20    |
| Richard Judkins, for farm,.....                  | 4 22    |
| Joseph Brown,.....                               | 68      |
| Samuel Quimby, school house tax, No. 2, 1857,    | 3 22    |
| Jonathan Taylor, for plank for highway,.....     | 3 70    |
| Nathan S. Morrison, for lumber for highway,.     | 10 34   |
| George Morrison, for lumber for highway,....     | 16 60   |
| R. L. Tay, work, &c., on highway,.....           | 45 39   |
| John Chamberlain, damage to horse,.....          | 25 00   |
| John Pettingill, work on highway,.....           | 2 90    |

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|--|----------|
| Paid David Clark, work on highway,.....                                      | \$ 2 00  |
| George C. Sevrens, breaking roads,.....                                      | 8 00     |
| John S. Jewell, Auditor and expense after report, .....                      | 2 00     |
| McFarland & Jenks, printing check lists,.....                                | 6 00     |
| John Pettingill, board of Mrs. Kimball,.....                                 | 12 50    |
| A. B. Lombard, for time when shut up by small pox per order S. Remick, ..... | 8 00     |
| Abner Kimball, school house tax,.....  | 7 62     |
| John Pettingill,.....  | 17 33    |
| Samuel George,.....  | 1 75     |
|  | _____    |
|  | \$193 95 |

*Town Expense.*

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Paid B. M. Prescott, for care of Engine,.....                | \$ 5 10  |
| Engine Company,.....   | 106 19   |
| J. F. Daniel & Son, for record book,.....                    | 2 62     |
| Rufus Merrill, for blank books, &c.,.....                    | 4 29     |
| Expense to Northfield,.....                                  | 50       |
| Stationery and postage,.....                                 | 1 06     |
| Jonathan Leavitt, for collecting taxes, 1858,..              | 4 00     |
| S. E. Bickford, as clerk and postage,.....                   | 10 45    |
| James Clark, perambulating town line, &c.,...                | 1 50     |
| Expense and time to Manchester after pauper,                 | 5 30     |
| Expense and time to Concord after County                     |          |
| Claim and Railroad Money,.....                               | 4 70     |
| Expense and time to Concord after Reports,..                 | 1 20     |
| J. H. Rowell, Treasurer,.....                                | 12 00    |
| Board of Selectmen, room, &c.,.....                          | 17 00    |
| Expense and time to Canterbury, on account of paupers, ..... | 3 00     |
| Expense and time to Sanbornton, on account of paupers, ..... | 3 50     |
| Fisherville, .....   | 1 65     |
| Expense of taking inventory,.....                            | 4 79     |
| Town Clerk of Derry,.....                                    | 28       |
| M. French, for collecting taxes, 1856,.....                  | 88       |
| "    "    "    "    1859,.....                               | 33 15    |
| L. D. Stevens, Selectman,.....                               | 35 00    |
| H. P. Eaton,    "    ".....                                  | 32 00    |
| J. H. Rowell,    "    ".....                                 | 40 00    |
| J. H. Cilley, care of clock, &c.,.....                       | 2 75     |
|  | _____    |
|  | \$332 91 |

*Roads and Bridges.*

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Paid Sargent Bennett, for breaking roads,..... | \$12 20 |
| E. B. Colby, plank for bridges,.....           | 22 52   |
| A. G. Morrison, plank,.....                    | 2 24    |
| Henry Burley, " .....                          | 3 20    |
| H. P. Eaton, " .....                           | 74      |
| James Colburn, oil for bridge,.....            | 2 31    |
| Harrison Hancock, stone for culvert,.....      | 3 00    |
| Hiram Fifield, lighting bridge,.....           | 12 00   |
| Union Store, for oil,.....                     | 11 29   |
| Cyrus Batchelder, for plank,.....              | 2 62    |
| Isaac F. Bacon, breaking roads,.....           | 7 26    |
| F. R. Quimby, " " .....                        | 60      |
| Francis Shaw, " " .....                        | 2 40    |
| C. H. Clark, for plank,.....                   | 3 80    |
| J. W. Fifield,.....                            | 7 79    |
| B. F. Wells,.....                              | 1 04    |
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|  | \$95 01 |

*Incidental Expenses.*

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Paid Teachers' Institute,.....            | \$21 36 |
| A. H. Martin, Supt. School Commttee,..... | 15 25   |
| W. T. Savage, " " " .....                 | 24 00   |
| G. W. Wells, damage on wagon,.....        | 6 00    |
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|   | \$66 61 |

*State and County Taxes.*

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Paid State tax, 1859,.....                         | \$424 20 |
| County tax, 1859,.....                             | 946 42   |
| Paid Town of Northfield, balance on settlement,... | \$401 50 |
| Noah M. Proctor, note and interest,.....           | 663 67   |

*New Bridge.*

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Paid Caleb M. Dyer, for lumber,.....     | \$160 00 |
| Northern Railroad, for freight,.....     | 27 22    |
| Gust Walker, for spikes, nuts, &c.,..... | 17 04    |
| E. B. Colby, lumber,.....                | 82 14    |
| Henry D. Cilley, lumber,.....            | 37 26    |
| James L. Peabody, stone and labor,.....  | 67 42    |
| Warde & Humphrey, for iron,.....         | 11 88    |
| W. Walker, Jr. & Co., " .....            | 9 57     |
| " " " " .....                            | 22 47    |
| Charles Smith, for oxen,.....            | 6 00     |

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|---|----------|
| Paid Samuel Bacon, for work,.....               | \$2 00   |
| J. G. Carlton, " .....                          | 11 99    |
| B. M. Prescott, " .....                         | 13 20    |
| James Norton, " .....                           | 1 25     |
| Harrison Hancock, " .....                       | 2 00     |
| J. Leavitt, " .....                             | 30       |
| Robert Colby,.....                              | 26 81    |
| J. C. Bean,.....                                | 28 00    |
| Solomon Dodge,.....                             | 15 62    |
| Jeremiah Thorn,.....                            | 10 50    |
| Jos. L. Thompson,.....                          | 16 12    |
| John Collins,.....                              | 28 75    |
| W. F. Thompson,.....                            | 50 00    |
| Nehemiah Wright,.....                           | 22 25    |
| L. W. Judkins,.....                             | 8 75     |
| Thomas Carr,.....                               | 2 00     |
| R. Bean, work,.....                             | 7 18     |
| L. D. Stevens, work,.....                       | 10 50    |
| Moses S. Morse, stone,.....                     | 4 00     |
| Jos. Noyes, use of warp,.....                   | 1 00     |
| Joseph Brown, work,.....                        | 3 00     |
| Nath. Rowe,.....                                | 2 07     |
| H. N. Ingalls, oxen, &c.,.....                  | 2 00     |
| J. F. Daniel, work,.....                        | 15 00    |
| J. H. Rowell, for 900 lbs. splices and washers, | 31 50    |
| J. H. Rowell, time and expense,.....            | 25 01    |
| J. Elkins, stone,.....                          | 6 00     |
| Cash for Railroad fare and expense,.....        | 9 38     |
| Express, .....                                  | 88       |
| Loading and drawing logs,.....                  | 1 50     |
| John Clark, for spikes,.....                    | 35       |
| Meal for oxen,.....                             | 1 12     |
| Moore, for horse,.....                          | 25       |
| Parker Hancock, for work,.....                  | 50       |
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|   | \$801 77 |

*External Poor.*

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Paid Dr. S. B. Kelley, for Mary Shute,..... | \$9 00 |
| Levi Carter, for Mrs. Ash,.....             | 24 00  |
| Dr. S. Rogers, " " .....                    | 24 50  |
| Daniel H. Clement, for Anna Sanborn,.....   | 29 25  |
| William Hancock, for Sarah Hancock,.....    | 80 85  |
| Mrs. Priscilla Brown,.....                  | 11 00  |
| Boscawen, for Mrs. Enoch Holt,.....         | 3 30   |

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Paid John Pettingill, for child,.....  | \$7 67   |
| Francis Shaw, for Mrs. Sherburne,..... | 3 04     |
| M. J. Morrill,.....                    | 4 00     |
|  | _____    |
|  | \$196 61 |

*County Paupers.*

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Paid Charles Garland, for Mrs. Sleath,..... | \$20 00  |
| Ebenezer Fellows, for Sarah P. Gove,.....   | 51 00    |
| J. Johnson, Augusta and Lucy Cogswell,..... | 55       |
| James Colburn, " " " .....                  | 23 95    |
| Dr. S. B. Kelley " " " .....                | 9 42     |
| David Gilchrist, " " " .....                | 1 72     |
| Ira Greeley, " " " .....                    | 1 25     |
| J. L. Colby, " " " .....                    | 3 14     |
| Union Store, " " " .....                    | 2 45     |
| John White, " " " .....                     | 5 29     |
| L. M. Knight, " " " .....                   | 6 00     |
| L. M. Knight, Pat Ryan Cogswell,.....       | 2 50     |
| S. B. Kelley, " " " .....                   | 5 00     |
| R. R. &c., Grace Grounding,.....            | 3 75     |
| O. B. Davis, for Grace Grounding,.. .....   | 7 00     |
|   | _____    |
|   | \$143 02 |

*Poor Farm.*

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Paid Isaiah Johnson, corn, &c.,.....    | \$18 55  |
| L. D. Stevens, corn, &c.,.....          | 13 75    |
| D. Gilchrist,.....                      | 31 77    |
| John White,.....                        | 75 91    |
| J. S. Pervier,.....                     | 12 00    |
| Alonzo Wilkins, for oxen,.....          | 90 00    |
| Sargent Bennett, for cow and calf,..... | 35 00    |
| H. P. Eaton,.....                       | 2 10     |
| L. M. Knight, .....                     | 18 00    |
| James Colburn,.....                     | 37 43    |
| Union Store No. 740,.....               | 115 04   |
| John S. Pervier, for cow, &c.,.....     | 41 45    |
| Jonathan Elkins,.....                   | 10 50    |
| C. & E. C. Stone,.....                  | 6 28     |
| J. H. Rowell, for tin,.....             | 3 04     |
| Simeon Brown, for steer,.....           | 30 00    |
| John S. Pervier, salary,.....           | 225 00   |
|   | _____    |
|   | \$765 82 |

*School Tax.*

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| School District No. 1,..... | \$167 22 |
| "    "    "    2,.....      | 102 35   |
| "    "    "    3,.....      | 407 00   |
| "    "    "    4,.....      | 83 75    |
| "    "    "    5,.....      | 106 30   |
| "    "    "    6,.....      | 70 97    |
| "    "    "    7,.....      | 20 33    |
| "    "    "    8,.....      | 71 14    |
| "    "    "    9,.....      | 66 87    |
| "    "    "    10,.....     | 382 20   |
| "    "    "    11,.....     | 60 83    |
| "    "    "    12,.....     | 42 04    |

\$1581 00

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Abatement of taxes, 1856, ..... | \$ 6 16 |
| "    "    "    1858, .....      | 30 18   |
| "    "    "    1859, .....      | 65 38   |

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Abatement of School-house tax, 1858, in No. 8,.. | 68   |
| "    "    "    "    "    "    5,..               | 3 74 |

\$157 04

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Outstanding taxes, 1856, ..... | \$11 67 |
| "    "    1857, .....          | 17 68   |
| "    "    1858, .....          | 34 85   |
| "    "    1859, .....          | 458 34  |

|                                     |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Non-resident highway receipts,..... | 5 96 |
|-------------------------------------|------|

*Outstanding Notes.*

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Polly M. Eaton,.....      | \$250 00 |
| B. F. Eastman,.....       | 225 00   |
| N. M. Proctor, .....      | 1075 00  |
| A. Farley,.....           | 1000 00  |
| Abigail B. Walker,.....   | 1200 00  |
| H. P. Eaton,.....         | 400 00   |
| Interest estimated, ..... | 512 00   |

\$4662 00

*Statement of Poor Farm.*

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Inventory, 1859,.....                     | \$1036 81 |
| Sundry bills including Warden's salary,.. | 765 82    |
| Inventory, 1860,.....                     | \$9188 78 |

\$1802 63

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Received for county paupers to Feb. 7,. | \$119 20  |
| "    "    horse and interest, .....     | 30 60     |
| "    "    steers,.....                  | 58 00     |
| "    "    oxen,.....                    | 86 00     |
| Due from county,.....                   | 10 00     |
|   | ————      |
|   | \$1222 58 |
| Expenses of the Town Farm,.....         | \$580 14  |
| —                                       |           |

### RECAPITULATION.

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Amount received of the Treasurer, .....  | \$7432 62 |
| Which is accounted for as follows :      |           |
| Paid outstanding claims, .....           | \$193 95  |
| Town expenses, .....                     | 332 91    |
| Roads and bridges,.....                  | 95 01     |
| Incidental expenses,.....                | 66 61     |
| Town of Northfield,.....                 | 401 50    |
| Noah M. Proctor, note and interest,..... | 663 67    |
| State tax,.....                          | 424 20    |
| County tax,.....                         | 946 42    |
| New bridge,.....                         | 801 77    |
| External poor, .....                     | 196 61    |
| County paupers,.....                     | 143 02    |
| Poor Farm, .....                         | 765 82    |
| School tax,.....                         | 1581 00   |
| Abatement, 1856,.....                    | 60 61     |
| "    1858, .....                         | 30 18     |
| "    1859, .....                         | 65 38     |
| Abatement school-house tax, No. 8, 1858, | 68        |
| "    "    "    ", 5, "                   | 3 74      |
| Outstanding taxes for 1856,.....         | 11 67     |
| "    "    "    1857,.....                | 17 68     |
| "    "    "    1858,.....                | 34 85     |
| "    "    "    1859,.....                | 458 34    |
| Non-resident highway receipts,.....      | 5 96      |
|  | ————      |
|  | \$7301 58 |

In the hands of the Treasurer,..... \$131 04

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LORENZO D. STEVENS, } *Selectmen*  
 HORACE P. EATON,    } *of*  
 JOHN H. ROWELL,    } *Franklin.*

The Auditors of Accounts for the year ending March 5, 1860, for the town of Franklin, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN WHITE,  
THOMAS RYAN,  
JOHN W. SWEATT, } *Auditors.*

*Liquor.*

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Amount of sales by agent, .....             | \$412 12 |
| Paid by agent for liquors and freight,..... | \$339 87 |
| Agent's salary,.....                        | 45 00    |
| Paid Treasurer, .....                       | 27 25    |
|   | —        |
|   | \$412 12 |
| Amount of liquors on hand Feb. 28,.....     | \$149 98 |
| 30 casks, .....                             | 20 00    |
|   | —        |
|   | \$169 98 |

*Inmates at the Alms House, and the time there.*

|                   |           |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Jane Clark,       | 95 years. | 52 weeks. |
| Betsey Brown,     | 90 "      | 52 "      |
| Polly Quimby,     | 68 "      | 52 "      |
| John P. Clark,    | 63 "      | 52 "      |
| Sally Clark,      | 64 "      | 52 "      |
| Rosina Clark,     | 45 "      | 52 "      |
| Rebecca Jackson,  | 47 "      | 52 "      |
| Mary E. Jackson,  | 12 "      | 52 "      |
| Frank P. Jackson, | 7 "       | 52 "      |
| Adelia Jackson,   | 4 "       | 52 "      |
| Hattie Jackson,   | 3 "       | 52 "      |
| Harriet Ash,      | 23 "      | 11 "      |
| George N. Ash,    | 6 "       | 11 "      |
| Charles L. Ash,   | 4 "       | 14 "      |
| Frank Ash,        | 2 "       | 14 "      |
| Grace Grounding,  | 41 "      | 12 "      |
| Patrick Ryan,     | 18 "      | 2 "       |
| Augusta Cogswell, | 26 "      | 22 "      |
| William Cogswell, | 7 "       | 22 "      |
| Alice Cogswell,   | 3 months. |           |
| Lucy Cogswell,    | 30 years. | 21 "      |
| Mary Cogswell,    | 7 "       | 21 "      |
| Nelson Cogswell,  | 4 "       | 21 "      |

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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In compliance with the law of the State, the Superintending School Committee of Franklin submit to the town their report on the condition of the schools, for the year ending March, 1860 :

The whole number of scholars, four years of age, who have attended the common schools, two weeks and more, is 444 ; 222 males, and 222 females. The average attendance was 276.

The sum raised by the town for schools at its last annual meeting, was \$1400. The amount of the Literary Fund received by the town was \$122,08. The sum appropriated to schools from the Railroad tax, was \$125,00 ; making in all, \$1647,08 appropriated for the support of the public schools the past year. In addition to this, there has been paid by citizens of the town for tuition in the Academy, some \$700 ; bringing the amount paid for educational purposes up to the sum of \$2347,08 ; besides a not inconsiderable sum expended for the education of children in colleges and seminaries abroad. If this expenditure appear large to any individual, we are persuaded there is too much love of intelligence and virtue among the citizens of Franklin at large, to grudge the appropriation of whatever funds are necessary for the advancement and continued prosperity of the schools.

We present a detailed account of the schools as kept in the several districts.

Mr. Clark visited Nos. 9, 11 and 12. Mr. Marston visited Nos. 1, 2 and 6. Mr. Savage visited Nos. 4, 5, 7 and 8. No. 3 was visited by the Committee at large ; and No. 10 formed under the Somersworth act, was visited by a Committee of its own, whose report is incorporated with this.

DIST. No. 1. The *Summer Term* was kept by Miss MARY OSGOOD. Length, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 35 ; average attendance, 32. Order in the school generally good. It was satisfactory, I think, to all concerned. Slight restlessness, like most schools composed of small children, was evinced. The teacher appeared kind, and this was reciprocated in return by the scholars. I can report progress here. It appeared to be the teacher's wish to improve the scholars. In this, I think, she did not fail.

*Winter Term* was kept by Mr. CHARLES C. JEWELL. The instructor says of his charge: "Their general deportment and habits of study are good, which arises from good discipline at home. The teacher has the coöperation of the parents to encourage him in his duties. I am happy to say, it has been a pleasant time to me." There was at one time a slight "jar," but no real earthquake. This was caused by a little of that feeling so very natural to "Young America." Scholars orderly, studious and persevering; prompt in recitations and thoroughly drilled on the blackboard. In mathematics the teacher was thorough with the scholars, constantly applying doses of eye salve to their understandings. If they did not see into the deep problems, it was not his, but their fault. This school was a success. Whole number of scholars, 37; average attendance, 28; length of school, 12 weeks.

DIST. No. 2. The *Summer Term*, of ten weeks, was kept by Miss MARTHA FIFIELD. Whole number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 11. This was an exceedingly quiet term. The teacher labored hard to promote its interest, and she did not fail in her attempt. It bore a fair examination in the various branches studied. The term was too short, as the scholars had just fairly commenced. Though this was the teacher's first attempt, yet she evinced an "aptness to teach."

*Winter Term*, of 13 weeks, was kept by Mr. FRED. P. STONE. Whole number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 11. I wish your Committee could speak in terms of commendation of this school. It was not in many respects what a school ought to be. Scholars irregular in their attendance, many of them staying away, days at a time. I think the parents do not feel interested enough in the school to induce them to keep their children in regular attendance and to coöperate with the teacher. Every teacher needs the assistance of the patrons of the school in his responsible duties. The teacher was strict in discipline, and strove during school hours to improve it. He was young and inexperienced in school keeping, and will, in the future, doubtless do better in this position, than he succeeded in doing in this school. I think those that were regular in their studies made good progress and passed a good review.

DIST. No. 3. *Primary Department*. This school was kept, 16 weeks in Summer, and 17 weeks in Winter, by Miss HARRIETT L. LADD. Whole number of scholars, in Summer, 54; average attendance, 43. Whole number of scholars, in Winter, 50; average attendance, 34. This large and difficult school was managed with tact and judgment. The elements of reading and spelling were accurately and successfully taught; and in regard to the fulfilment of her trust at large, the Committee are happy to accord to the teacher the testimonial of their high approval. The teacher reports: "Instances of tardiness and irregularity of attendance, especially the latter, have annoyed me exceedingly. Parents do not seem to realize that if a

child would improve, he must go constantly and regularly. Indeed, they exhibit great indifference regarding the matter." In the Winter term, a decrease of tardiness is reported, but still on the part of some, "a deplorable indifference whether a scholar shall be in the school room one day, or six days in the week."

*Advanced Department.* The *Summer Term*, of 16 weeks, was kept by Miss FRANCES E. WHITE. Whole number of scholars, 35; average attendance, not reported. It appears, by the teacher's report, that before the close of the term, many of the scholars were withdrawn from the school, and that the attendance at last was very small.

The statute, by virtue of which the public schools exist, prescribes that the Prudential Committees chosen by the Districts, shall employ the teachers to keep the schools established therein; that these teachers shall, before commencing any school, be examined by the Superintending School Committee; that, if approved by them, they shall take charge of the schools, and that they shall manage them, according to their best judgment, under the supervision of the Superintending Committee without hindrance from any quarter. The statute farther provides that, in case of any difficulty, or cause of offence arising between scholars and teachers, or between parents or citizens and teachers, (such as cannot be readily and properly adjusted between the parties) it must be laid before the Superintending Committee, who are under the solemn obligations of an oath to proceed according to the law for such cases made and provided. No parents or citizens are authorized to interfere with the ordinary operations of the school, nor to destroy it, or impair its usefulness, by withdrawing the scholars from it; not at least, until they have first made effort, according to the directions of law, and sought to remove the difficulty in a way to secure the usefulness of the school.

In regard to the case in hand, the Superintending Committee are not able to pass a decision upon it, because it was not brought to their notice till too late to prevent or remedy the evil, and it has not come before them in a form enabling them to investigate it. The teacher was duly employed. She was examined and approbated by the Superintending Committee, as fully competent to keep the school. On the first visits (made by the entire Board of the Committee,) the school, under her charge, appeared orderly and well, and we had every reason to anticipate an excellent and profitable term. But a course has been taken in the District, which, while it has defeated the great object of the law, enacted to protect and foster the school, has also served to foreclose all official enquiry as to where the fault in the case actually rests. The Committee simply report the provisions of the law, and the facts of the case, as far as they are competent to state them, for the consideration of their fellow citizens.

The *Winter Term*, of 16 weeks, was kept by Mr. JAMES BARNARD. Whole number of scholars, 58; average attendance, 41. We would speak in high approval of the methods, efforts and spirit of Mr. B., and of the appearance of the classes under his care. He is a compe-

tent and faithful teacher. In his report, he calls attention to serious facts, such as have for years been reported in this district. "Nearly one third of the time," says Mr. B., "has been lost by non-attendance," (i. e. by non-attendance of the scholars of the school,) "an evil which ought to be remedied, and which could be, to a great extent, by a little care on the part of the parent." 376 instances of tardiness are reported. "I have endeavored," he adds "by invitation and otherwise, to induce parents to visit the school. But during the fourteen weeks past, not a single parent having children in the school, has visited it. If parents would manifest the interest they profess, by occasionally making a short call upon the school, beneficial effects would shortly be realized. There would be more of an emulous spirit exhibited than is now seen."

DIST. No. 4. The *Summer Term*, of 9 weeks, was kept by Miss ELLEN S. PEVARE. Whole number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 7. This small school seemed to have been well instructed, and the scholars to have made reasonable advancement.

The *Winter Term*, of 11 weeks, was kept by Mr. ELMER FRENCH. Whole number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 8. The teacher appears to have discharged his duty faithfully. We would recommend that he, and all other teachers who have not yet enjoyed the privilege, avail themselves of the benefits of the Teachers' Institute.

DIST. No. 5. The *Summer Term* was kept by Miss BETSY ANN CALLEY. Length, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 11; average attendance, 8. On account of failure of notice, the Committee was too late to examine the school at its close. This we regret. From the first visit, however, and the tenor of the teacher's report, we think the school was a good one, and profitable to the District.

The *Winter Term*, of 15 weeks, was kept by Mr. JOHN W. MARDIN. Whole number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 16. It gives us much pleasure to speak of the zeal with which Mr. Mardin devoted himself to the teacher's work. The school was orderly, the scholars were studious, and the term cannot have failed to profit the District. "The parents of the district," says the teacher's report, "have not manifested that interest in the school which they should feel. If they would visit the schools more, and encourage their children by their presence and a few kind words, it would stimulate the teacher and scholars to put forth new exertions, and be a benefit to the school and the district. A teacher can never do full justice to the scholars without the coöperation of the parents." These sentiments are just and should be fully considered.

DIST. No. 6. The *Summer Term* was kept by Miss BETSEY SIMONDS. Length,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  weeks. Whole number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 10. There was good order. I think the school continued on the ascending scale from beginning to close. It sustained a good examination in the different branches taught. Miss

Simonds is an experienced teacher, and appears quite at home in the school-room. But the term was too short for great things to be accomplished.

The *Winter Term*, of 10 weeks, was kept by Miss ALMA J. FARNHAM. Whole number of scholars, 19; average attendance, 15. In this school there appeared to be a good understanding betwixt teacher and scholar. She ruled by love. I saw no frowns and heard no complaints. Miss FARNHAM is an experienced and discreet teacher, thorough with her classes. I think this school has gone ahead during the last two terms. The old school building needs a genuine conversion from bad to good. A pleasant house, good scholars and thorough teachers make good schools. This school pleased your Committee much.

DIST. No. 7. This school, of 4 scholars, has had only a *Winter Term* of 6 weeks, and was kept by Miss DRUSILLA BLAISDELL. It was well taught, and was unquestionably profitable to the scholars.

DIST. No. 8. The *Summer Term* was taught by Miss NANCY G. THOMPSON. Length, 8 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 9. It was faithfully kept, well managed and profitable to the scholars.

The *Winter Term*, of 8 weeks, was kept by Mr. ISAAC CHENEY. Whole number of scholars, 15; average attendance, 14. This was Mr. Cheney's first school. He has begun aright. His government was firm, yet mild and persuasive. In his instructions, he analyzed the topics under consideration, and brought to view the foundation principles on which they rest. The process was stimulating to the intellects of the scholars. Their feelings, consequently, were engaged in the exercises of the school. It was a successful and profitable term.

DIST. No. 9. The *Summer Term*, of 15 weeks, was taught by Miss ANNA T. WADLEIGH. Whole number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 13. This was the first school taught by Miss Wadleigh. The order and advancement of the school were good, and we think she possesses traits of character which will make her an efficient and energetic teacher.

The *Winter Term*, of 10 weeks, was taught by Mr. JAMES ADAMS CLARK. Whole number of scholars, 18; average attendance, 14. This, too, was the first term kept by Mr. Clark; and the advancement of his scholars, with the excellent order, show an evident talent as an instructor.

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The primary school was taught, both *Summer and Winter Terms*, by Miss MARTHA R. GOODWIN, under whose instruction the school has been for the last eight terms. Length of Summer Term, 17 weeks;

average attendance,  $41\frac{1}{2}$ . Winter Term, 12 weeks; average attendance,  $34\frac{3}{4}$ . Her schools always excellent, this even superior.

The advanced school, *Summer Term*, was taught by Miss ANN M. DANIEL. Length, 17 weeks; average attendance, 37. An energetic, faithful teacher. The school under her instruction was a success.

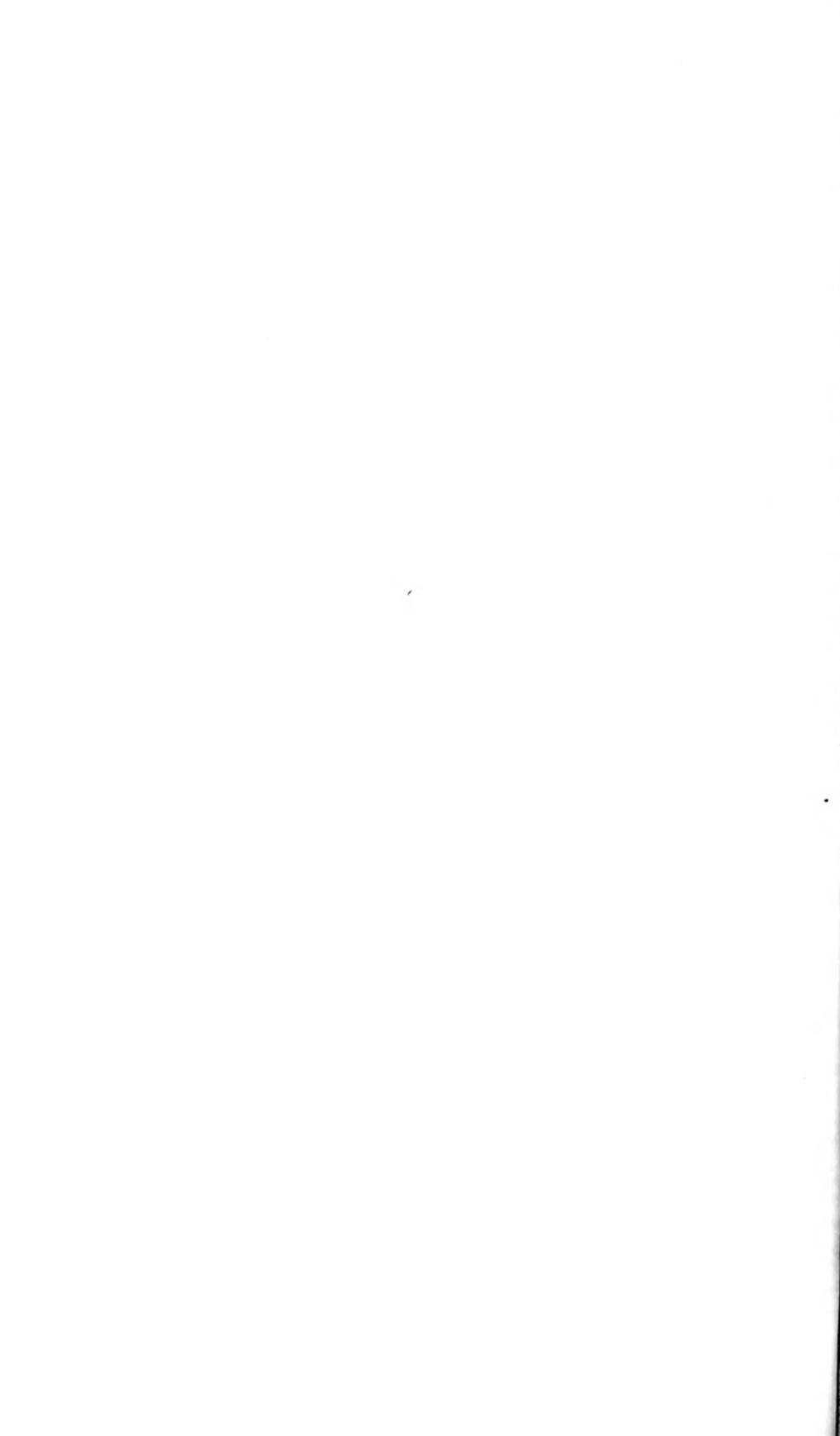
The *Winter Term*, in the advanced department, was taught by Mr. OLIVER L. CROSS. Length, 12 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 48; average attendance,  $42\frac{1}{2}$ . Kind and courteous, yet calm and decided, his school was a model of prosperity and order; very manifest advancement was perceptible in all studies pursued, but especially in the much neglected branch of Reading. We have watched the progress of this school with much interest, and are fully satisfied that his former reputation is more than sustained, and that he is entitled to the highest rank among teachers. Mr. Cross in his report says, "Permit me to record here what was stated at the examination, viz: that the personal respect which the students have shown, both in and out of school, has been a source of much encouragement and pleasure to their instructor. There is a mental activity in a large proportion of the scholars that is seldom found in schools of this kind, which gives great promise of high intellectual attainment, and which, by proper training, is sure to develop the most gratifying results." It is a matter of gratification to the Committee that the remark, so often made, that it is useless to build beautiful and well furnished school houses, since the natural propensity of youth is to mutilate and destroy them, in this district, has proved incorrect: and we are happy to say that the school-house built by this district at so large an outlay, after four year's use, shows no signs of rude treatment, proving that scholars will protect what they regard with pleasure and pride, and what appeals to their better tastes serves to stimulate a disposition to preserve what is useful and cherish what is worthy. We believe that much of the increased interest and progress of the schools in this district is due to the pleasant, convenient and well furnished school-house.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. GARLAND, WM. H. KIMBALL, A. B. CLOSSON.  
*Superintending School Committee.*

DIST. No. 11. Both the *Summer and Winter Terms*, of 8 weeks each, were taught by Miss MITTIE C. CLOUGH. Whole number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 19. Order and advancement good, resulting from the untiring and successful effort of the teacher for the advancement of those under her charge. This district is situated partly in Northfield and the largest part in Franklin,—the school-house being located in Franklin.

DIST. No. 12. This district is situated partly in Franklin and partly in Northfield, the school-house being located in Northfield. The *Summer Term*, of 10 weeks, was taught by Miss FIDELIA Foss. Whole number of scholars, 10,—3 from Franklin and 7 from North-



field. Advancement good; order excellent, with a manifest kindness and untiring effort for the advancement of those under her charge.

The *Winter Term*, of 10 weeks, was taught by Miss DIANNA Foss. Whole number of scholars, 12,—5 in Franklin and 7 in Northfield. On our first examination, the teacher shew traits for teaching and government exceeded by few if any; and we consider this district fortunate in the selection of their teachers. The school closed one day previous to our attendance for a second examination.

In closing their report, the Committee would express their ever recurring feeling of the paramount importance of the public schools to the intelligence and welfare of the community, and would earnestly invoke for them the continued patronage and fostering care of parents, and all classes of citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. T. SAVAGE, } *Supt. School Committee*  
JAMES CLARK, }  
A. H. MARTIN, } *of Franklin.*

FRANKLIN, March 1, 1860.

#### STATISTICAL TABLE.

| Districts. | No. Scholars in each Dist. | Apportionment to each Dist. | Proportion to each Scholar. | Whole amount of School Money for the year.   |
|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 1          | 46                         | \$167.22                    | \$3.63                      |  |
| 2          | 23                         | 102.35                      | 4.45                        |  |
| 3          | 129                        | 464.24                      | 3.60                        |  |
| 4          | 13                         | 83.75                       | 6.44                        |  |
| 5          | 23                         | 106.80                      | 4.62                        | Raised by the town, \$1400 00                |
| 6          | 22                         | 70.97                       | 3.22                        | Literary Fund.... 122 08                     |
| 7          | 4                          | 20.33                       | 5.08                        | Railroad tax appropriated to schools, 125 00 |
| 8          | 19                         | 71.14                       | 3.74                        |  |
| 9          | 23                         | 66.87                       | 2.91                        |  |
| 10         | 113                        | 382.20                      | 3.38                        |  |
| 11         | 21                         | 60.88                       | 2.89                        |  |
| 12         | 8                          | 42.04                       | 5.25                        |  |
|            | 444                        | \$1638.24                   | \$3.69                      | \$1647 08                                    |

LIST OF BOOKS AUTHORIZED TO BE USED IN THE COMMON SCHOOLS OF FRANKLIN:—For Reading, Town and Holbrook's Progressive Series; Spelling, Town's Progressive Speller; Arithmetic, Emerson's First Part, Colburn's First Lessons, Adams' Revised; Geography, Mitchell's Primary, Smith's Geography and Atlas; Grammar, Weld's Grammar and Parsing Book; History, Goodrich's History of the United States; Physiology, Cutter's.

N. B.—In District No. 10, Greenleaf's Common School Arithmetic has been adopted in place of Adams'.

